CHITTUR MUNICIPAL BUS STAND—INFORMATION REGARDING

105. **Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar** *(Nemmara):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) has the Chittur Municipality put up a bus stand recently;

(*b*) if so, at whose instance it was constructed and at what cost;

(*c*) has the Municipality decided to collect any fees from the vehicles for using the bus stand;

(*d*) is the same being collected now; if not, why not;

(*e*) do buses stop anywhere near the bus stand within a radius of 20 yards;

(*f*) has any bus company opened a booking office near the said Municipal stand and do the buses belonging to that company stand near the booking office for some time;

(*g*) has the right of collecting the fees been auctioned;

(*h*) has the contractor complained to the Municipality about the non-payment of fees by the buses when demanded by him;

(*i*) if so, what action has been taken by the Municipality on the complaint?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) At the instance of the Commissioner of Police. The actual cost came to Rs. 3,519.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No. Because the bus owners do not pay on the plea that the stand is not used by their buses.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) One of the employees of the U.M.S. company is seen using one room of a building near the stand and the buses sometimes halt near that building and at other times close to the shed.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) Yes.

(*i*) The Chairman, Chittur Municipal Council, reported about the matter to Government. And it was ordered that a fee of annas two may be fixed for a bus. It

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was also ordered that the bus stand fee cannot be levied as a compulsory tax, and that no fee can be demanded unless the stand is used by a bus.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* Is there no rule that the buses cannot stop within a certain radius of the bus stand when it is a Public bus stand?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* In this particular instance a man has taken it on contract. Is he not put to loss if buses do not stop there?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Some buses may not care to stop there. If the buses stop there, they will have to pay.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* May I know why the Municipality constructed the bus stand when there was so much loss?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Only the buses which do not stop there do not pay.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* What is the income?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The income is what they collect from some buses which stop in the bus stand. There are some buses for which this is a terminus. Other buses only pass through this road without using the bus stand.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* May I know whether a proper return is obtained by the Municipality?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I cannot say.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Does the Municipality get any income?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* They must be getting.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is this left to the option of the bus owners?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Using the bus stand is left to their option.

Mr. President: A bus does not pay for the bus stand simply for passing through it. There is a toll gate for that. The Municipality cannot claim an additional tax. Government have simply

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ordered that buses that simply pass through Chittur cannot be compelled to pay the fees for the stand. Otherwise all the buses will have to pay the fees.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* Then why was the bus stand constructed?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* Because we have a sufficient number of buses willing to stop there.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* With reference to answer to (*f*) may I know whether the buses are halting on the public road?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* No. They are not halting there to pick up passengers.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Was the Municipality compelled to build this bus stand?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* The bus stand was constructed in the interests of the people.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Was it constructed on the pressure and did the Municipality agree to it?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* The necessity for a bus stand was felt by the Commissioner and he brought it to the notice of the Municipality and they constructed it.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know whether other buses also will be allowed to stop in the public road?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* They are not halting there to pick up passengers.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Where do these stop for taking passengers?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* At Coimbatore.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* But they are alighting passengers at Chittur.

Mr. President: It is not a bus for Chittur. Chittur happens to be on the way.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Are there any facilities given to the people of Chittur to get into the bus?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* Buses passing through Chittur are very few. There are buses starting from Chittur.

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Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* Are the Government satisfied that the Municipality has lost heavily in this matter?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* The stand was constructed in the interests of the public irrespective of the revenue of the Municipality.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* But nobody is using it.

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* It is being used.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Is the Government aware that the buses running from Trichur to Pulloot are passing through Irinjalakkuda and they are not using the Irinjalakkuda Municipal bus stand?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* They are not using it.

TRICHUR BUS STAND—NUISANCE FROM HANGERS ON

106. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have noted a letter written by Brahmasree Kanippayyoor Sankaran Nambudiripad in the Gomati, dated 7th November 1939 under the heading ചാലക്കുടി ബസ്സ് സ്റ്റാന്റ് in the column ആവശ്യമുള്ള അഭിപ്രായങ്ങൾ pointing out the nuisance and inconveniences which respectable people including ladies are put to by the sort of hangers on described vividly by Mr. Nambudiripad;

(*b*) will the Government be pleased to print and place on the table the letter referred to above;

(*c*) whether the Government be pleased to inform the House what are the steps taken to stop such troubles to the travelling public?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The Constables on duty and the Traffic and Town Police have been instructed to stop the nuisance altogether.

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